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NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA

The New York State Department of Transportation is developing design studies to provide improved access to the US Peace Bridge Plaza in the City of Buffalo. The purpose of the project is to provide direct access from US Peace Bridge Plaza to I-190 Northbound, to provide new access for local and I-190 southbound traffic with the US Peace Bridge Plaza, to remove Baird Drive from Front Park, and to replace the bridge carrying Porter Ave over I-190 and the CSX railroad. The total length of the project is 1.4+/- miles, all in the City of Buffalo, Erie County

Design plans for the project have been developed by the Department after coordination with Federal, State and Local agencies, and outreach to the public.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared which assesses the project's effect on the quality of the human environment in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 P.L. 91-190 (NEPA). Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are available for review and copying during business hours at the offices of the:

- Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation, 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14203;
- FHWA Division Administrator, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207;
- Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Downtown Location, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14203:
- Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Niagara Branch, 280 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201.
- the document is also available electronically on the project website: https://www.dot.ny.gov/nygateway

Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be sent to Daniel Streett, Project Manager, New York State Department of Transportation, 50 Wolf Road – Rm 6E41, Albany, NY 12232; Jonathan McDade, FHWA Division Administrator, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 11A Clinton Avenue, Suite 719, Albany, NY 12207; or submitted by email to nygateway@dot.ny.gov by January 13, 2014.